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The university’s operating budget cleared its initial hurdle with this week’s vote of the House
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Senate Conference Committee. As passed, UA would receive $322 million in state funds, a cut
of $5 million from our
 current budget. The conference committee also approved language
encouraging the Board of Regents to consider transitioning the university from three separately
accredited institutions into a single accredited institution and provide an update on the review
by the end of 2019.

This budget represents a vote of confidence for the university, demonstrates the value that
Alaskans and our legislators place on higher education, and recognizes that we’ve been
instituting significant changes and will continue to do so.

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